

Through his work as a union carpenter, Robert has worked at Electric Boat, a submarine manufacturer and economic powerhouse in our region, for more than 46 years, serving in numerous leadership roles for his union including President and Vice-President. Robert currently leads Local 1302 under the position of Business Agent/Chief Steward—a position he has held since 2003. To this day, Chief Tardif works to ensure that carpenters at Electric Boat are well equipped and versed in the most modern safety procedures and go home just as they came in. He has made a significant difference during his time at Electric Boat, working hand in hand with the company to prioritize safety on the job site.

We are truly fortunate to have a leader in public safety in our midst who serves the public good in so many different forms. Chief Tardif is not only my colleague in public service but a friend, and one who has even come to my own personal aid when I was left with a flat tire on the road one hot summer day with no wrench. He never hesitates to help those in need.

Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to ask the chamber to join me in celebrating Chief Tardif's 50 years of service to the town of Sprague. Chief Tardif's inspirational and as piling career are perfectly encompassed in his own mantra on why he chose a life of public service which is that, "My Father had done it forever—and he inspired me to work to make a difference—no matter big or small—as long as it was helping someone." To that end, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Chief Tardif for his 50 years of service with the fire department and Electric boat and wishing him thanks for the many more milestones to come in a truly decorated career. I wish him and his son Robert Tardif II continued success and happiness.

**CONGRATULATING THE LIBERTY
HIGH SCHOOL LADY PANTHERS
ON THEIR SECOND SOFTBALL
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Liberty High School Lady Panther Softball Team for winning the 2021 Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) 4A High School Softball State Championship.

The Lady Panthers finished the 2020–2021 season, with 33 wins and seven losses. In the playoffs, Liberty faced Wharton, Sealy, Carthage, Lake Belton, and Bullard before facing Calallen for the State Championship. On June 5, 2021, the Lady Panthers beat the Calallen Wildcats by a score of ten to three winning their second state title in just four years.

Kaci West, a senior Pitcher, was named the State Tournament Most Valuable Player for the second time in her career after winning as a freshman in 2018. Six Panthers were selected by the Texas Girls Coaches Association to play on the Conference 4A All-Tournament Team: Kaci West, Hollie Thomas, Jaylen Prichard, Reese Evans, Kamdyn Chandler, and Bailee Slack.

I would like to personally recognize each individual that contributed to this team's winning

season. Players: Reagan Williamson, Jaylen Prichard, Bailee Slack, Kamdyn Chandler, Maci Beam, Hollie Thomas, Kaci West, Reese Evans, Kylie Bishop, Mikaelah Burkland, Ashlyn Cordova, and Alex Wiley. Head Coach: Karen Slack. Assistant Coaches: Joe Slack and Katherine McAdams. Athletic Trainer: Michael Pope. Athletic Director: Chad Taylor. Superintendent: Dr. Cody Abshire. Principal: Benicia Bendele.

I wish each of these young ladies continued success in the classroom and athletics. Go Panthers.

**HONORING THE CAREER OF MR.
JOHN C. DUFFEY**

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Mr. John C. Duffey of Fort Wayne.

As a lawyer who has practiced for nearly 35 years, John has been essential to the success of the railroad industry in Indiana and across the Midwest.

Having worked for the Lafayette-based firm of Stuart & Branigin LLC for three-plus decades, John's practice has included accident, employment, product liability, and real estate litigation, with special focus on representing national and regional railroads.

This representation in resolving matters of law related to railroad companies has allowed the industry to prosper and serve those across the Midwest. From 2007 through 2017, John was named to the Indiana list of Super Lawyers. He was selected to the list of "Best Lawyers in America" for 11 consecutive years and named Lawyer of the Year for Railroad Law in 2018.

In addition to his work with the railroad industry, John has handled accident and injury claims for trucking companies and represented industrial manufacturers in numerous states. He has also resolved disputes for large non-profit organizations, including the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lafayette.

As John prepares to retire, I wish him the best for all that he has done after a long and distinguished career. This record is testament to his service for which northeast Indiana is grateful.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY AZEVEDO

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to my good friend and former Norco Mayor Kathy Azevedo, who passed away on Thursday, May 20, 2021. Kathy was a tireless advocate for, and inspirational member of, the Horsetown USA community of Norco, California and she will be deeply missed by many.

Kathy proudly called Norco her hometown and graduated from Norco High School in 1971. If you knew Kathy, you know she had a bright smile and lot of energy. She put both

of those attributes to work as a Jazzercise instructor and in a leadership role with the Norco Chamber of Commerce. In 2003, Kathy was elected to the Norco City Council where she would serve for 12 years. Throughout her time on the council, Kathy was a staunch proponent for maintaining Norco's rural lifestyle and supported economic development that was a good match for the community.

Kathy's legacy will be one of service and putting the needs of others before her own. As someone who understood the value of bringing a community together, Kathy was integral in organizing the Norco Fair, the National Day of the American Cowboy, as well as the Horsetown Parade of Lights and Christmas Festival. After her cancer diagnosis many years ago, Kathy was determined not only to fight her own disease but also to support other women who were battling cancer. She co-founded a non-profit organization, Support Sisterz, comprised of breast cancer survivors who raise money to help women who have been recently diagnosed with cancer and need emotional and financial support.

Kathy is survived by her husband Danny Azevedo, mother Ellen Seiberling, brother Lance Seiberling, daughter Stacy Azevedo, son Chad Azevedo, and her grandchildren Troy Nicola, Gracie Nicola, Reagan Azevedo, and Evyn Azevedo. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Azevedo family, her friends, and everyone fortunate enough to have known Kathy. Although she may be gone, the many contributions Kathy made to Horsetown USA, cancer patients and her family will have a lasting impact.

**IN RECOGNITION OF DOMINIC
BELLVIA**

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dominic Bellvia on his induction into the Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Business Hall of Fame, which recognizes leaders for their outstanding contributions to our economic development and community enrichment.

Mr. Bellvia has dedicated his career of over 60 years to serving his neighbors and our region. After founding Mainline Sanitation Company in 1964 and developing Laurel Highlands Landfill with partner Banks Wright, he led a number of business ventures—including Portage Slag & Cinder, Dial Beer, A.B. Bell Rentals, Inc., and Oak Grove Village Mobile Home Park. These small businesses have provided services to Pennsylvanians and created family-sustaining jobs throughout our community.

Throughout his career, Mr. Bellvia has served on local boards including the Tri-County Water Authority board and 1st Summit Bank. His dedication to the Cambria County community is evident in his work to grow and sustain our local economy.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, it is my privilege to recognize Dominic Bellvia for his outstanding commitment to our community and to congratulate him on this honor. Mr. Bellvia's work and dedication have made an incredible impact on the Johnstown community, and I wish him and his

family continued success and happiness in the chapters to come.

**HONORING BAYS MOUNTAIN PARK
& PLANETARIUM ON THEIR 50TH
ANNIVERSARY IN 2021**

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium located in the City of Kingsport, in our First Congressional District in Tennessee, that is celebrating their golden anniversary of 50 years. Since 1971, Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium has been a continuing resource to the citizens of Kingsport.

Since the region's humble beginnings in the late 1700s, Bays Mountain provided for the families who settled there with land to farm and wood to build houses, a church, and a school. From the early 1800s to the early 1900s, Bays Mountain was the source of life for settlers and citizens. In 1914, one of Kingsport's founders, J. Fred Johnson, began buying up land on the mountain in order to create a lake. The next year, work began on a dam with much of that work being done by family members of those living on and around the mountain. The lake created by the dam served the city until 1944 when the city outgrew the capacity. Over the next two decades, the Mountain segued into a source of sustenance for its citizens to a resource to be recognized for its history and contribution to the livelihood of Kingsport. It was this transition that in 1965 led to the appointment of a committee to study ways to develop the mountain into a park by then Kingsport Mayor, Hugh Rule. After completion of the study, the City of Kingsport hired the National Audubon Society to help in the design of a park. The National Audubon Society's recommendations were to designate the area as a nature preserve to also allow hiking, naturalist-led activities, natural history studies, research, and leisure activities such as photography, painting wildlife observation and school day-use. They also recommended building a maintenance shed, a residence for a caretaker and an interpretive nature center. In short, the park was to be of great service to the public, including schools, while also serving to preserve the natural habitat it featured.

Development of these plans began in 1968 and, with assistance from Tennessee Eastman Company, as well as a bond referendum voted on by the citizens, the work culminated on May 24, 1971, with the opening of what our citizens know today as Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium.

Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium is the largest city owned park in the State of Tennessee with its 3,650-acre nature preserve, 40 miles of recreational trails, an adventure ropes course, and the original 44-acre lake.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium as a jewel and part of the rich history of Tennessee's First Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING MONICA BABINE

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Monica Babine. On May 26, 2021, Monica was presented with the 2021 Digital Equity Champion Award for her outstanding work in the field of digital equity. For more than 30 years, she has worked on this issue that is so critical to Washington's 5th Congressional District.

Currently, Monica is the Senior Associate of the Program for Digital Initiatives at Washington State University's Division of Governmental Studies & Services. In this role, she works with business, government, economic, and community development organizations to increase broadband awareness, access, and use across the state of Washington.

Monica has a keen understanding that access to reliable, affordable broadband is basic infrastructure in our 21st Century digital economy. Her work to help close the digital divide and expand access to broadband in Eastern Washington's most rural communities cannot be overstated.

Monica has proven time and again to be a true leader in her field, creating the Broadband Action Team model and serving as a valuable resource for local leaders interested in broadband planning. As a result of her work, more people than ever are engaging to identify local broadband needs and make plans to address them.

Monica's focus on rural communities has made her an incredible partner, and I am grateful for her efforts as we continue working together to address this issue in Congress. Her tireless work to bring together members of our Eastern Washington community, including policymakers at every level, is so important to help close the digital divide once and for all.

Madam Speaker, for her commitment to expanding access to broadband, her exceptional leadership, and her ongoing work to improve the lives of people around her, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Monica Babine.

**IN RECOGNITION OF FUSA
TAKAHASHI**

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, it is with delight that I rise to honor a remarkable woman, Fusa Takahashi, for her outstanding advocacy for the Go for Broke Japanese American Soldiers of WWII Stamp.

In 2005, three Nisei women from California, Fusa Takahashi, Aiko King and Chiz Ohira, began a fifteen-year campaign for a commemorative stamp that would honor and share the story of the brave Nisei men and women who served our country during World War II, despite the forced relation and incarceration they and their loved ones faced. This important history was deeply personal for Fusa and her co-chairs, as each were survivors of the forced incarceration. Fusa's late husband,

Kazuo Takahashi, was an Army veteran of World War II. He bravely served as a Military Intelligence Service officer.

The women's grassroots letter writing campaign began as a small but mighty effort, encouraged by friends and community members. However, through their hard work, the campaign quickly received support from national organizations, state leaders and Congressmembers. Fusa and her friends persevered through setbacks and delays, never giving up. In November 2020, the U.S. Postal Service announced a Go for Broke Soldiers commemorative postage stamp will be issued. The stamp was officially issued on June 3rd, 2021.

Today, the forced relocation and incarceration of over 120,000 Japanese Americans through Executive Order 9066 is now considered one of the most atrocious violations of American civil rights in the 20th century. The Go for Broke Stamp is an important reminder of our history and a symbol of the tireless advocacy and efforts of Fusa, Aiko and Chiz, and all who supported them.

Madam Speaker, today we honor Fusa, Aiko and Chiz's outstanding efforts to honor the brave Nisei Soldiers of World War II. I thank Fusa and her partners for their dedication and successful efforts.

**RECOGNIZING JIMMY UKEGAWA
AS MY CONSTITUENTS OF THE
MONTH**

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 11, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Jimmy Ukegawa for my May Constituent of the Month. The COVID-19 pandemic has placed numerous burdens on constituents in my district, including a troubling rise in food insecurity. As a third-generation farmer who has been in business for more than three decades, Jimmy is no stranger to the stress of business ups and downs. Last March, after witnessing so many neighbors and friends struggling to make ends meet during the COVID-19 pandemic, Jimmy, his staff, and partners donated more than 500,000 pounds of food to those affected by food insecurity.

His effort began when the pandemic first hit, partnering with the Boys & Girls Club of Carlsbad and Carlsbad Senior Center to ensure children and those most vulnerable had something to eat. Since then, Jimmy's food donation efforts have grown to include Head Start programs, North County Lifeline, schools, and affordable living residences throughout Carlsbad, Oceanside, and Vista. Additionally, as the course of the pandemic played out, Jimmy wanted to make sure vulnerable and at-risk people in the district could still shop for nutritious fresh food, so he created an open-air market in his warehouse.

Over the course of this pandemic, I witnessed first-hand, residents lining up for food just to place a nourishing meal on the table for their families. I am incredibly grateful for constituents like Jimmy who stepped up to help the most vulnerable and in need families in CA-49. Our community is brighter and better because of Jimmy and his staffs generosity. I